AN ORDINANCE OF THE LORDS and COMMONS ASSEMBLED IN PARLIAMENT:

FOR THE

Raiſing of Horſe for the Defence of the City of *London*, and for ſearching and apprehending of Papiſts, and other ill-affected perſons, that lurk in and about the ſaid City.

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WHEREAS divers persons within the City of *London*, and parts adjacent, within the Lines of Communication, and Parishes mentioned in the weekly Bills of Mortality, and Hamblets of the *Tow-*
r, that are not fit to bear Armes in their own per-
ons, yet are able and fit to finde Armes, and pay
thers for bearing the same, but doe neglect and re-
use the doing thereof; and whereas divers Papists
nd ill-affected persons, doe lurk and hide themselves
n divers houses and places within the limits aforesaid,

that hold correſpondency with, or bring intelligence from the Enemy, and others that gather together Armes, Ammunition, and other materials of War, likely to be imployed to the prejudice of the Parliament and City; And whereas by ſeverall Ordinances of Parliament, power is given to the Committee for ordering the *Militia* within the limits aforeſaid, and drawing out Forces for ſervice abroad, and that many things mentioned in the ſaid Ordinances to be put in execution, require the help and aſſiſtance of more perſons in the nature of Sub-Committees; thereupon power is given to the ſaid Committee to make one or more Sub-Committees within the ſaid limits, as they ſhall think fit; and for the better inabling the ſaid Sub-Committees ſo made or to be made, to perform the ſervice therein contained, The Lords and Commons in Parliament aſſembled, doe ordain and Declare; and be it Ordained and Declared; That the ſaid Committee of the *Militia* of *London*, ſhall have power, and are hereby authorized to impoſe upon all ſuch perſons as have any Stocks going in Trade, within the limits aforeſaid, and doe either abſent themſelves, or doe perſonally inhabite or reſide within the ſaid limits, to finde ſuch proportion of Armes, and pay ſuch perſons as have been or ſhall be appointed to bear the ſame, as the ſaid Committee ſhall think fit, not exceeding three Foot ſouldiers for any one perſon; And ſuch perſon or perſons as ſhall diſobey the commands and directions of the ſaid Committee of the *Militia* herein, the ſaid Committee ſhall have power to impoſe ſuch reaſonable Fines upon them or any of them, as they ſhall think fit

fit, not exceeding the ſum of forty ſhillings for any one offence, and for want of payment thereof to levy the ſame by diſtreſſe and ſale of their Goods and Chattels, or otherwiſe to impriſon their perſons without baile or mainpriſe, untill ſuch time as they ſhall conform themſelves accordingly; but in caſe ſuch perſon or perſons ſo offending doe abſent themſelves without the ſaid limits, where the authority of the ſaid Committee doth not extend, and not a ſufficient value of his or their goods or chattels to be found within the ſaid limits, whereon to levy the ſaid Fines by diſtreſſe as aforeſaid: That then the Committee of Lords and Commons of Sequeſtrations upon complaint made by the Committee of the *Militia*, or ſuch as they ſhall appoint (being perſons of ability and known truſt) doe forthwith grant their Warrants for apprehending ſuch perſon or perſons whereſoever they ſhall be; and to commit him or them to priſon without baile or mainpriſe, untill he or they doe conform themſelves, or to Diſtrain his or their Goods, or bring them to *London*, and there ſell them to pay the ſaid Fine or Fines: All which Fines are to be imployed to ſuch uſe and purpoſe for the ſafety and defence of the ſaid City of *London*, and parts adjacent, within the Lines of Communication, as the ſaid Committee of the *Militia* ſhall think fit and direct: And it is further ordained, that the ſaid Committee for the *Militia* ſhall have power, and is hereby authorized by themſelves, or ſuch as they ſhall appoint (being perſons of ability and known truſt) to ſearch all Houſes and places within the limits aforeſaid, where the ſaid Committee ſhall have cauſe

to ſuſpect that any Papiſts are, or other perſons that come from any the Kings Quarters, that cannot give a good account of their buſineſſe or abode within the limits aforeſaid, or that have or ſhall diſcover their ill affection to the Parliament, by any offence for which they ought to be Sequeſtred, queſtioned, or puniſhed by any Ordinance of Parliament; and likewiſe to ſearch for Armes, Ammunition, and materials for War, in the cuſtody of ſuch perſons, and to ſeize and take away the ſame, and to commit ſuch perſons to ſafe cuſtody, or to expell them out of the Liberties aforeſaid, if they ſhall ſee cauſe; and in caſe of reſiſtance, the ſaid Committee are hereby authorized to command any Conſtable or Conſtables to break open any Houſe or place within the ſaid limits, where ſuch reſiſtance ſhall be made, in the preſence of any two of the ſaid Committee of the *Militia*, or of two ſuch as by the ſaid Committee of the *Militia* ſhall be appointed, being perſons of ability and known truſt: And be it further Ordained that the ſaid Sub-Committees ſo appointed, or to be appointed by the ſaid Committee of the *Militia*, ſhall have power, and are hereby authorized to cauſe all or any of the clauſes contained in this Ordinance, to be put in due execution, when and as often as they ſhall receive directions from the ſaid Committee for the *Militia*: And all Conſtables, Head-burroughs, and other Officers and Souldiers are hereby required to obey and execute ſuch Warrants as they from time to time ſhall receive from the ſaid Committee for the *Militia*, or other Sub-Committees for and concerning the execution of the ſame accordingly: And it

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is further Ordered and Ordained, by the ſaid Lords and Commons in Parliament Aſſembled, that the ſaid Committee for the *Militia* of *London*, ſhall have power to charge ſuch Inhabitants who are conſtantly dwelling within the Lines of Communication and Bils of Mortality, or ſuch perſons as have any ſtocks going in Trade within the Limits aforeſaid, and abſent themſelves, as they ſhall eſteem able, to finde and maintain Horſes, with Riders and furniture, at their proper charge for the Defence of the City and parts adjacent, ſo as no perſon ſhall be charged for the raiſing and maintaining of more then two Horſes, to be put under ſuch Officers as the ſaid Committee ſhall think fit. And it is further Ordained that if any perſon or perſons ſhall be charged to finde Horſe, Rider, and Furniture as aforeſaid, and ſhall refuſe or neglect to provide the ſame within eight dayes after notice thereof, given to them in perſon, or left in writing at their dwellings, ſhall forfeit and pay twenty pound, and if they ſhall neglect or refuſe to ſend forth their ſaid Horſe or Horſes, with Riders provided and furniſhed as aforeſaid, when and as often as he or they ſhall be ſummoned thereunto by the ſaid Committee of the *Militia*, or ſuch Commanders or Officers as they ſhall appoint, in default thereof ſhall forfeit and pay ten ſhillings upon every ſuch failing, or ſuffer foure dayes impriſonment without baile or mainprize, to be inflicted upon every ſuch offender, in ſuch manner and form, and by ſuch Officers and perſons as are appointed for the inflicting of the penalties upon the failing (of the Foot Souldiers of the Trained Band) expreſt in an Ordinance Dated the

ſecond of *May* 1643. And the ſaid Fines to be imployed by the ſaid Committee of the *Militia*, towards the payment of the Commanders and Officers of the ſaid Horſe, and for ſuch other uſes as the ſaid Committee ſhall finde neceſſary for the better carrying on of the ſaid ſervice: Provided that no power hereby granted, nor any clauſe or thing herein contained, ſhall be extended againſt any Peer of this Kingdom, or Member of either of the Houſes of Parliament, or any of the Aſſiſtants of the Houſe of Peers, or Attendants of the Houſe of Peers or Commons. And as well the ſaid Committee as alſo their ſaid Sub-Committees, and all other perſons acting in the premiſes according to the intent of this Ordinance, ſhall be ſaved harmleſſe by authority of both Houſes of Parliament. This Ordinance to continue for nine Moneths and no longer.

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